

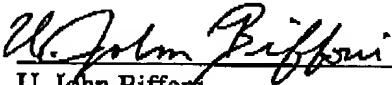
**REMARKS**

This amendment responds to the Office Action which was mailed on January 14, 2004. In the claims, Claim 3 has been canceled. In light of the amendment it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant requests a favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the amendment and the remarks set forth below which constitute a full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

In the Office Action, Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 3 has now been canceled. Claims 1-2 and 4-35 were allowed. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance/Issue Fee for the claimed subject matter is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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